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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH NEW PORTUGUESE PERMREP/  
UNESCO MARIA DE LOURDES PINTASILGO.

1. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR UNESCO, MARIA DE LOURDES PINTASILGO PAID CALL ON PERMREP TODAY. SHE WAS INTERESTED IN BEING BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE ON CURRENT US SITUATION VIS-A-VIS UNESCO. PERMREP EXPLAINED PRESENT STATUS US ARREARAGES AND FACT THAT NO FUNDS FOR UNESCO ARE INCLUDED IN PROPOSED FY 77 BUDGET. WE ALSO INFORMED HER OF RECENT MOVES IN SENATE TO PAY '74 ARREARAGES 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN ORDER TO SAVE US VOTE AT GENERAL CONFERENCE.

2. MRS. PINTASILGO EXPRESSED THANKS FOR BEING BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE. SHE ALSO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR WARNINGS WE CONVEYED TO HER IN ADVANCE OF THE DECEMBER UNESCO CONFERENCE ON MASS MEDIA WHICH RESULTED IN PASSAGE OF THE ZIONIST RESOLUTIONS. SHE SAID OUR ADVANCE WORD OF CAUTION TO HER RESULTED IN THE DECISION OF PORTUGAL NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND SO AVOIDED THEIR BEING CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE WHEN THE ZIONIST ISSUE CAME UP. MRS. PINTASILGO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE CLOSE  
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AWARE OF POSSIBLE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS.

3. AFTER DISCUSSING UNESCO AMB. PINTASILGO THEN LAUNCHED INTO A RATHER SPONTANEOUS DISCUSSION OF INTERNAL PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS. SHE EXPRESSED GREAT ADMIRATION FOR AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI AND STATED SHE MUCH APPRECIATED THE LUNCH SHE HAD WITH HIM IN JANUARY.

4. ON FOREIGN RELATIONS MATTERS AMB. PINTASILGO STATED THAT PORTUGAL WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. SHE SAID BRAZIL WOULD HAVE INFLUENCE AND CLOSE CONTACT WITH ANGOLA, BUT THAT BRAZIL WOULD NOT BE WELCOMED IN MOZAMBIQUE. SHE SAID PORTUGAL DID NOT FEEL AT HOME WITH THE NON-ALIGNED AND THAT THE WESTERN EUROPEANS WERE "TOO STUFFY" AND STRAIGHT-LACED FOR PORTUGUESE TASTE. SHE SAID THAT SHE FELT MUCH MORE AT HOME WITH AMERICANS.

5. AMB. PINTASILGO ALSO DISCUSSED HER VIEWS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN PORTUGAL. SHE SAID, FOR HER PART, SHE FIRMLY BELIEVES IT IS BETTER FOR THE COMMUNISTS TO BE IN THE GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN OUTSIDE. THEY CAN BE WATCHED, SHE SAID, AND CAN BE DENIED THE ROLE OF SPOILER AND CRITIC. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT SHE WOULD EXPECT COMMUNISTS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND MENTIONED THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO AS A POSSIBILITY. SHE SAID THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NOW REALIZED THE VALUE OF THIS POST AS IT CONTROLS SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS. AMB. PINTASILGO ALSO MENTIONED YOUTH AND SPORTS AS BEING OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNISTS.

6. PERMREP MAKES NO EFFORT TO EVALUATE THE AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENTS, BUT SHE SPOKE WITH CANDOR AND SINCERITY.  
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